GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA FOR RAILWAY RAKES
Shukla Smt. Karuna

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have laid down any criteria to determine the priority of railway rakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sent a demand for rakes for transportation of salt;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for not providing the rakes so far; and

(f) the time by which the rakes are likely to be available to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) : As per current Preferential Traffic Schedule General Order No. 81, the priority for allotment of rakes for various commodities is determined broadly in the following order:

Priority 'A' − Military Traffic.

Priority 'B' −
(i) Goods for emergency relief work for victims of national calamities like floods, drought, earthquake etc.

(ii) Foodgrains and levy sugar for Public Distribution System or other welfare schemes sponsored by Food Corporation of India.

Priority 'C' - All programmed traffic of coal, edible salt, raw-material for steel plants, fertilizer and Petroleum Oil & Lubricants (POL) when sponsored by government agencies and accepted by Railway authorities.

Priority 'D' − All traffic not included in priority 'A' to 'C'.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) to (f) : Do not arise.